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Vice President and Country General Manager Phyllis Zamora addresses the guests of Convergy's Partnership Appreciation Night.



Phyllis Zamora (second from left) poses with some of the award winners during Convergy's Partnership Appreciation Night. Also included in the photo are Director of Human Resources Operations (second from right), Area Vibe and Training Manager Karen Dale Cruz (far right).

GIVING BACK:

Convergy's recognizes its vendors through its 'Partnership Appreciation Night'

Convergy's Corporation in the Philippines recently held its first Partnership Appreciation Night to recognize its valued partners, vendors and suppliers from the educational institutions and business and technology communities—all of which have played integral roles in assisting the success of Convergy's shared customers.

The Partnership Appreciation Night is a testament of Convergy's' rapid growth in the medical device industry in the Philippines. What the year-end event also signifies, Convergy's has been at the forefront of this change and has been fortunate to be joined by a number of its valued partners.

Convergy's' Partnership Appreciation Night is a testament to the company's commitment to its partners and suppliers. The event was held at the Manila Marriott Hotel and was attended by over 100 guests, including Convergy's' partners, vendors and suppliers.

In a speech, the event was held with a theme of "GIVING BACK." Convergy's' Vice President and Country General Manager, Phyllis Zamora, thanked the company's partners, vendors and suppliers for their support and commitment to the company's success.

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THE TOP FIVE VENDOR AWARDS

1. The Best Vendor Award
2. The Best Vendor Award
3. The Best Vendor Award
4. The Best Vendor Award
5. The Best Vendor Award



Country Manager Phyllis Zamora (left) and a vendor (right) holding an award.



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Remains of Pinoy UN exec killed in Algiers blast home soon

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS is working for the repatriation of the body of the Filipino woman killed in the Dec. 11 bombing of a United Nations office in Algiers, Foreign Secretary for Muslim Mindanao Affairs Ferdinand Cosay said yesterday.

Interviewed by Vice President Noli de Castro on the latter's radio program, "Face to Face, Rapay," Cosay said the Philippine Embassy in Libya,

which is nearest to Algiers, is now consulting with the UN's World Food Programme (WFP), which Cosay later mentioned, for the return of her body.

Luna, 46, was among the fatalities in the attack on the building that housed UN offices in Algiers.

"We are awaiting for repatriation of her body through the UN, through the UN's World Food Programme (WFP), which Cosay later mentioned, for the return of her body."

The repatriation, Cosay said, is being handled by the UN's World Food Programme (WFP), which Cosay later mentioned, for the return of her body. In his report to the UN, Cosay said Luna was the second Filipino international staff member to die in a terrorist

attack against the UN.

Luna joined the WFP, the UN's food agency in the fight against hunger, in Afghanistan in 2002. She became its U.S. representative based in Algiers.

On Aug. 17, 2004, Saudi terrorism, of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, was killed along with 21 others when a car bomb exploded near the UN office in Baghdad.

The attack, which was claimed by al-

Qaeda, killed top UN official Sergio Vieira de Mello and seriously wounded his Filipino assistant, Marilyn Marañon.

Marañon said the Algiers attack was claimed by an al-Qaida-linked group.

In Rome, WFP Executive Director Joelle Dussan joined UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and others in condemning the attack and conveyed her condolences to the Luna family.

(Johanna B. Delacruz)

Return fees overcharged OFWs—solon

By Marissa Bantolano

THE OVERSEAS PHILIPPINE WORKERS Administration (OWWA) should return the excess in membership fees it collected from departing Filipino workers after it allegedly overcharged and "an artificial exchange rate of P12 to the US dollar," a member of the House of Representatives said yesterday.

Commissioner Rey Joseph Santiago said the OWWA should determine who was wrongfully charged after the agency pegged its \$25 membership fee at P24 in the dollar, resulting in a P1,275 fee for departing migrant workers.

"This is the right thing to do—for the OWWA to determine who were overcharged, and then give back to the workers the portion of the fees that they, in effect, overpaid for their membership fees," Santiago said.

Santiago pointed out that the pro-chancellor Friday at P41.25 in a dollar. At this rate, he said, the gross equivalent of \$25 should only be around P1,000.

Currency arbitrage

House President Manuel Villar Jr. earlier filed a resolution urging the appropriate Senate committee to look into the use of a fixed rate of P12 to the dollar which pegged at P1,275 the gross equivalent of the \$25 membership fee that the OWWA charges departing Filipino workers.

On Dec. 12, OWWA board of trustees decided to peg the \$25 membership fee at an exchange rate of P12 to a dollar, or P1,000, for the lower rate will take effect on Jan. 1.

At the adjusted exchange rate, the membership fee will be reduced by P225 or at more 18 percent less.

Santiago said the reduced rate should be used immediately.

"Where is the spirit of justice shining here? Why should OWWA, or other agencies get in charge, has based on a previous exchange rate? Are they now also engaged in the kind of currency arbitrage?" Santiago said.

Currency arbitrage means taking advantage of discrepancies in exchange rates in different money markets by buying a currency in one market and selling it in another. In the process, an investor profits as the rates move from the spread.

Prevailing exchange rates

"The OWWA should be comparing the \$25 fee based on prevailing exchange rates, in the same manner that migrant workers and their families have been to sign with member who they have to convert their dollars into pesos," Santiago said.

Santiago said that based on the estimated one million Filipino workers departing the overseas employment every year, the OWWA collects a total of \$25 million, or P1.05 billion, in membership fees every year.

The fees go to a welfare fund that provides benefits, including low-cost loans, to migrant workers and their families here.

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Senate passes freedom of information rules

BAGUIO CITY—THE SENATE plans to strengthen the provision in the Freedom of Information Act by introducing a freedom of information act that would compel government to reveal more records and end a permissive period.

Sen. Ramon Brando Jr., chair of the Senate committee on public information and mass media, said he would sponsor the Senate bill because public access to information could help end the controversy that arose when police arrested 10 journalists covering the surge led by Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV of the Mindanao Liberation Front in Mindanao City on Nov. 29.

On Thursday, at a Senate inquest looking into the media arrests, Brando said the senators would not let the media's freedom of information be taken away.

Brando, who was here for the Moro Muslim Solidarity Forum, said he believed journalists could be more responsible.

"We recognize the freedom of the press," Brando said, "but we also recognize the right of the people to know. We will not let the government use its power to suppress the press. We will not let the government use its power to suppress the press. We will not let the government use its power to suppress the press."

"Maybe this is why many media men are in jail, because the people they attack have no right of responding and have no right to speak to their legitimate concerns," he said.

He said his committee has scheduled hearings in January at a meeting led by Sen. Josepina Brando that seeks to create a single code for journalists.

He said he has developed these hearings with a committee ready to support a "right to reply" provision authored by Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.



WOODWORK

A wood-type writer table and chair that he made himself at a writing shed in Barangay Lila, Otongapo City, looking to find a new way to write.

More gold came from small-scale mines—DENR

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE high gold production of the country's small-scale mining has been recognized by the DENR, which has decided to let the small-scale mining industry to operate in the national economy.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Eagle chick hatched

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THE DEMAND for the M-16's resignation continues to be a demand to protect rights during international human rights day.

Cop chief dead after mishap

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East Visayas Church men lead 25 groups in quit GMA, Noli campaign

By Joy A. Calina

Special to Philippine Star

MANILA CITY—A REIGNING organization composed of 25 groups in Eastern Visayas has started a campaign calling for the resignation of both President Gloria Arroyo and Vice President Noli de la Rosa amid allegations of human rights abuses and widespread extrajudicial killings under the Arroyo administration.

In a statement, the Regional Alliance Against Illegal Logging and Extrajudicial Killings in Eastern Visayas (RALEVE), said while the "President is not a person of light," the President has "not all around credibility in governing the country."

"[The] corruption, bribery, and abuse of power of the President," they said, "are what we have seen in the government led by GMA and Noli," the group added in its statement.

"We know that GMA will not easily resign."

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Humbling sixth spot for RP bets

From a high of 113 golds in 2005 to 41

By Ernest A. Soriano Sports Features Editor

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—THE DEBATE was expected less the transition from overall champion to a horrible sixth on Saturday was a humiliating experience that will long haunt the Philippines in the London Asian Games.

With host Thailand's coaching staff and the other regional medal contenders showing marked improvement, the defending champion Philippines found up with a game gold medal output of 41 from a dizzying total of 113 in 2005, when they held their 11 silver spoons for the first time back home.

The country's third victory on Saturday came through three more shut-out and hard things in the men's synchronized 10-m platform in Gerd Mauer's debut on 30 his teaming with 30-30 partners in the double to victory.

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The Official Energy Drink of the Philippine Team

SEA GAMES Medal Tally

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
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Thailand	113	113	113	339
Malaysia	113	113	113	339
Indonesia	113	113	113	339
Singapore	113	113	113	339

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Manotoc, Clavecilla spearhead La Salle, Ateneo squads

THE GRAY ARCHERS AND THE BLUE FAJAS bring their rivalry to the forecourt when the country's top golfers—men and promising upstarts alike—slug it out for the fourth time in the La Salle Ateneo Match Play 2008 beginning Dec. 17 at the Tagaytay Municipal course.

Jimmy Manotoc, who recently signed the Asia Pacific region, leads the crack La Salle squad against counterparts who were once in the Ryder Cup format circle.

Back to back reigning national amateur champions Iggy Clavecilla will spearhead the talented Ateneo side out to even things up with the last undefeated in the Asian Golf tournament.

Shoppers from both schools—Ateneo's 'Shelby' Javier and La Salle's Freddie Hernandez—said their mutual respective leagues were called for the rivalry of their students and alumni here days



JIMMY MANOTOC

IGGY CLAVECILLA

before the event which is hoped to surpass the previous meetings in terms of excitement.

Ateneo launched La Salle in the inaugural staging of the event for the Cebu Amateur tournament last the following year at Club Jervis

and repeated last year at Sherwood.

Among Manotoc in Team La Salle are former national amateur champion Francis Guevarra, Ricky Dela Cruz, 2010 Bayan, Marco Olivas, Justin Lirio, Oliver Gao, Sammy Igo, Charles Hong, Rudy Garcia, Andrew Dandoy, John Thomas, Chris Infante, Charles Igo, Steven Garcia, Sam Hong, 'Tyt' Fernandez, Bobby Calabico, Ron Pardo, Steve Garcia, Sergio Pelaez, Allen Yeo, Mike Alvarado and Thailand Southern Asian Games member Angelo Dominguez.

Manotoc was one of those golf greats who made the international scene with early wins.

Team Ateneo is led by Iggy Clavecilla, and includes, Blending Chan, Lucas Pardo, Benj Fernandez, Robert Garcia, John Gubling, Ramon Gonzalez, Landoys Calangui, Aron Hacham, Mark Hacham, Mario Igo, and

Isabel Igo, Roger Igo, Joel Igo, Milton Cruz, Don Padilla, Junior Pardo, Daniel Pardo, Luis Beltrame, Mark Igo, Sergio Sarmiento, Doug Santos and Tanya Igo.

Jimmy General is Ateneo team manager while officials are Andy Thomas, Rudy Igo and Isabel Igo.

The event will kick off with the ceremonial draw-off on Sunday. The six knockout matches and six four ball matches will go head-to-head the following day.

Another six foursome matches and six four ball matches will be played on Thursday with the deciding 18-hole match on Friday.

Organizers have promised to institutionalize the event in collaboration with the De La Salle Ateneo Association and Club and the Ateneo Golf Foundation.

Manila, Cebu nines seal championship showdown

SPORTS WRITER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Rene C. Rodriguez
12.14.08 (Manila) (Cebu)

By Mark Anthony Reyes

Cebu and Manila nines went into the final round of the 2008 Philippine Series 2 on the final day of the tournament.

Manila nines defeated Cebu 1-0 in the final round of the tournament. Cebu nines were the only team to have a winning record in the 19th round in Cebu nines had lost to Manila nines 1-0 in the 18th round.

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MANILA NINES' Mike Tavares (left) wins against Cebu nines in the final round of the 2008 Philippine Series 2 on the final day of the tournament.

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Chairman's Cup fires off today

MANILA (PNA) — The Chairman's Cup golf tournament, one of the most prestigious in the Philippines, will kick off today with the opening of the 2008 Chairman's Cup in the Philippines.

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Finest Pinoy poker masters dispute P1-M pot Dec. 28

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Sunday Biz

A clothing star is born

By Christine A. Dayanan
Contributor

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founder now that Jennifer Mercado has
what it takes to be in show biz. Jennifer
spoke, sometimes shy but sophisticated
attitude made her stand out among the 100
talents in today's first season of the "Star
Network" talent show.

A year after her winning the P1 million
contract and successful GMA 7 projects in-
cluding a series of hit shows like her charac-
ter in the musical-soviet thing in "Ingles
da," Jennifer found the need to establish
her creative instincts this time on print and
stage.

"I really love designing clothes. When I
was not very busy it used to be a hobby. I am
now doodling, doodling today's clothes,"
shares Jennifer in an interview with Inquirer.
"I love dressing up. It is interesting to
make your clothes and see people with what
you wear," she adds with a grin.

The 27, talented stage actress believes
that you don't need to be established to
have that cool, trended look.

"You can still be a success with casual
clothes," she noted. "Making casual clothes
look excellent has been my goal."

Birth of Jennifer's Readings

Sketching and doodling with her pen and
paper to become a fashionista and stage
appearance, Jennifer found her home
style and began to carry her stuff to
shops and shopping malls and she
started with her personal designs and distribu-
tion.

She explains that her manager, Rocky
Agulla, her relatives and close friends Mack
and Cassie Villar helped her. Mack
Villar saw the potential of her creations.

"They suggested that I start a business that
I put those designs into life," she said.
"They encouraged me to put up my own
clothing boutique I named 'Jennylyn'."

With the assistance of a good clothes
manufacturer, Jennifer's designs and
shops in May 2003. Jennifer could be found
in the Plaza Department Stores in the Aran-
cillo in Manila and in the Plaza.

Functional shirt designs

Inspired by the simple idea that a piece of
clothing should have a variety of uses, she
put a twist to a shirt in the trend and added
functional buttons. Jennifer wants to make
clothing with patterns, colors and
other little local fashion sense.

One of her most notable piece is a shirt
personally designed that she could be stored
in a small format, button up, a tube for a
formal shirt and later into a mini-tee de-
sign for a party shirt.

She says that this is so far the most ex-
pensive piece ranging from P100 to P700.

Other items such as pink-inspired
shorts, diffusion following jeans. However,
she says that with contemporary or modern
are reasonably priced at P100 to P400.

"It's also many old but with some new ex-
tra small to triple (LXL) for women. We also
try to duplicate some designs for children,"
she adds.

The clothes she had made to her shops
and retailers were also made for the shops
and there are among the most notable
designs in the store.

"We make sure that part of our marketing
is a show or concert merchandise," she
says. "The show just buy them."

The boutique business has been a very
rewarding experience for Jennifer that she
explains in part to a college course in film
and major in creative design.

In spite of her schedule, Jennifer is
able to spend some time for her boutique
that she co-manages with her close friends
Mack and Cassie Villar.

She mentions that they got their creative
inspiration after one year and are already
profitable.

"We are planning to go up a third branch
and maybe create our own personal
company and business line," Jennifer says.

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PARA: Shriver (center) with wife of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, with designer Monique Lhuillier (center) and with actress Angelina Jolie (right).

Sunday LIFE STYLE

Editor: Chela Bernal-Parron



Monique Lhuillier's new 'neighbors'

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Jaime Peoncel

California first lady Maria Shriver cut the ribbon at the opening of the new boutique of designer and Hollywood darling Monique Lhuillier.

ARMENIO LAMAS LUIILLIER ARRIVED recently from Los Angeles, California, where she attended the grand opening of a new boutique of her friend, old friend Monique Lhuillier. It is located at the corner of La Gracia and Wilson Place in an area where you may find big names like Carolina Herrera, Oscar de la Renta, Giorgio Armani, the whole lot.

The store displays latest gowns and formal evening wear, plus bags and a whole range of accessories all bearing the world-famous Monique Lhuillier label.

There is a place for the Monique Lhuillier brand, and a collection of beautiful dresses, shoes, handbags, jewelry, and accessories designed by Monique. "The brand is like a lifestyle," says Monique with a giggle.

The opening was joined by Maria Shriver, wife of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Guests included glamorous film stars, editors of fashion magazines, jewelry, fashion designers, prominent politicians and social elites.

"Thanks to you for coming, mom," whispered Monique to Angelina Jolie. "How could I miss this?" countered Shriver, who was dressed in black by Monique, of course, and wearing some fabulous jewelry designed by her and all made in the U.S. (Lhuillier's words).

Many of the guests during the opening, and for that matter, asked who Monique was. When told, they instantly gave her a warm 'hi'.

Plus, Monique tells all and sends her proud due to her home town in Cebu, and how she learned all about education and style from her parents, Michael and Josephine, as well as from her late grandparents Henry and Angela Lhuillier.

They much prefer to this occasion to Monique's husband Tom Begley, a brilliant accountant by profession, and the chief executive officer of their growing enterprise.

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Senate spouses play Santa

SOME NO-KIDS FROM THE following: Mapagale Foundation were actually awarded this day of fun, food and shopping at the SM Megamall by SM and members of the Senate Spouses Foundation.

Each of the Senate spouses present played some for a day in the role as they shopped for their Christmas wishes in the SM Department Store.

The group included Rep. Cynthia Villar, who heads the Senate Spouses, as well as Union Secretary, Susan Florio, Hilda Delos and Ring Pineda. Rep. Arroyo and Lito Mercado-Berilla also joined the group, which included Sen. Loren Legarda, Loren Legarda and Andrea Cabal.

Sen. Nancy Aquino and the wives of Senators Chie Rodulfo, Rep. Angie Aquino and Sen. Mapagale also met their representatives.

SM officers led by SM president Roni Conde welcomed them.

After a snack at Wendy's, the group proceeded to the department store where the kids had fun as they shopped for clothes, shoes, bags, accessories and toys.

After a hectic shopping day, they then proceeded to Jollibee for refreshments.

"Christmas in November" is an annual project of the Senate Spouses Foundation, Inc. And SM, and is now on its ninth year. It is for the benefit of the children of Tolomeo Mapagale.



SM PRESIDENT Roni Conde with the members of the Senate Spouses Foundation Inc.

MRS. SUSAN Florio plays mommy with her two girls.



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A FORGETTEN in the "Christmas in November" project is Rep. Loren Legarda.



AUSTIN Legarda, who is a first-time helper, did go through staff at SM Department Store.

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Avoid all that shopping, stop for refreshments at one of the restaurants. Take your pick: from light meals to substantial feasts to specialized cuisines. No matter what you're craving for, here, you'll surely find something to satisfy it.

Afterwards, take a breather from all that shopping and dining and enjoy the fine phenomena of the season. Take your pick among the various holiday events and activities at The Podium and The Block. Choose from the fabulous Christmas shows like the Toronto Christmas Fairytale Village Musical to the most soulful, inspiring Christmas concerts, featuring a selection of the nation's top singing groups and performers. And in the evenings, enjoy the most spectacular holiday fireworks displays.

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Alexis Highschool Symphony

Ensemble

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December 25, 7pm

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December 20, 6PM

Angelo: The Four Tenors

December 22, 4PM

The Mounting Christmas Choir

December 23, 6PM

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Sunday LIFE STYLE



GIVE IT UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
and practical ways by Lorraine Lopez

Alternative holiday activities

SOME OF US CELEBRATE Christmas by becoming environmentalists. And let us face the music: not shopping during your holiday season is a sure way to save the environment. As we prepare to celebrate our loved ones with gifts of appreciation, and prepare to spend more money in anticipation of family reunions, let us not forget that there are many others who are in need. Not only during Christmas, but each and every day, we must remember to be kind. Here are a few ways to celebrate a more meaningful and hopefully stress-free Christmas.

► Give gifts that give back.

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Cathy Robles-Gaballa

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• **Take Christmas-tree packages instead of giving money.**

For the last five years, I decided that I wasn't going to give money anymore to my usual server providers—postman, garbage collector, and even my neighbor's full-time car wash. Instead, my children and I, together with our immediate, will put together a Christmas tree package composed of cookies, candles, soap, toothpaste, handkerchiefs for the adults, and one with cookies, candles and more soaps for the children who ring out doorbell or knock on our windows. In doing so, you can be assured that the goods will be for their personal consumption and the money you have given does not go to waste.

• **Jump or play Christmas cards.**

Every morning, on the last week or so, my children wake up to the sound of Christmas music. In the evenings, we play



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the whole, down now that fall is to sleep while the mornings are covered for the happy Christmas cards (I just love the baby's version of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"). Nothing says "holiday season" like Christmas cards and so I make sure that I have them playing whenever possible. Since I discovered this wonder, I've written letters, sent the cards on my laptop last morning, morning.

• **Check out your closets and donate your children's old toys and books.**

This holiday season, teach your child how to give instead of just taking. It's a good lesson to give to a child to give. This year, my 10-year-old, a friend, was my son up in memory of my son, is doing a toy drive for the children of the poor. The drive is in the name of the poor, several times over for his gift money and the effort was to make him. If you would like to bring cheer to those

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• **Volunteer your time and energy.**

Give a little of yourself this holiday season, and helping others to always a great way to spread cheer and love. Take time out of your busy holiday schedule to volunteer as a hospital meal, an orphanage, a women's shelter or an old folk's home. Being there a little something to, at the very least, bring them some cheer and your compassion.

• **Spent time together as a family and watch uplifting Christmas stories.**

My personal favorite is the 1946 Frank Capra classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." It's a heartwarming story about the role of a man about to commit suicide during the holidays (eventually the highest score) and how he is saved by the kindness of others. It's a beautiful story, and it's a story that is so true, it's hard to believe. A beautiful movie that celebrates the resilience of man and the power of life.

• **Along to work.**

I have become my teacher when it comes to shopping—seeing the shops in my mind, and old books. My greatest find this season has given me an amazing gift while working around the holidays. I have a lot of friends who are in the support that is precious. When I read or find out what made it different, I discovered that it was because of the "Ghosts" and technology that was common for a woman's profession "angel" (the single between my and have) to allow me to see the world, the also makes the best and best of them, making them to be happy.

• **Remember each old friend who doesn't come around me trying to get together with everyone.**

For as we all over time and suddenly old friends whom we haven't seen for a while, the year goes up from out of nowhere waiting to get together. Christmas is a wonderful time to get together and know that the don't stress yourself out and in the process get yourself sick. Remember the reason you really want to go to it.

• **Get your kids involved in all the preparations.**

A child was the reason for this wonder because that the whole Christmas is all children. Christmas to my mind will all ways be magical in a child's eyes. Involve your kids in as many activities as they are able to—wrapping the gifts, making the tree, doing charity or volunteer work, making the meals. It is the making of those memories together as one family that makes the Christmas season all the more meaningful.

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COMFORTABLE shoes for Christmas shopping





MEMBERS of the Haring Bayan Dance Troupe perform on stage during a Haring Pinas.

Filipino tourists from North America have become more demanding and global in taste. They can fly off to Vietnam and Thailand but skip the Philippines.



MEMBER of the Philippine and Japan Exchange Council and his wife from left with DOT's Executive Committee, Chairman Don's Med and Laura Southworth, DOT's Haring Bayan and Amazing Weekends' Brand Ambassador

The mainstreaming of the 'balikbayan'

FOR DECADES NOW, FILIPINOS based in the United States have competed the bulk of tourism visitors. The Philippines from North America. Although the equation isn't going to drastically change anytime soon, their demands and expectations of their homecoming are now so different from those of "mainstream" American and Canadian tourists.

Officials of the Philippine Department of Tourism took note of this development to a recent two-day seminar held in Chicago last week. Organized by PHCI and presented by AAA, the conference drew some 100 American publicists.

"Through the efforts of DOT's office in Chicago, the Philippines retained the distinction of being the exotic frontier destination in Southeast Asia. And despite heightened scrutiny and a modest budget, the Philippine tourist trade placed more in a top tier of the world."

Through the years, the DOT has come up with ways to attract Filipino-Americans and their friends to visit and travel the country. Last year alone, an estimated 587,200 visitors came from the United States (including Guam), eclipsing even the number of visitors from the Philippines.

And while Americans, who reportedly make it a point to join visits to various tourist destinations in the Philippines, North American tourists aren't the only ones to be "mainstream" visitors.

"They already spend what they spend here," said Angela Jordano-Ago, DOT's North South America head. "A typical tourist spends \$100 per day, a typical South American, regardless of ethnicity, spends an average of \$120."

Interestingly, from North America's annual per capita income of \$14,000, which is roughly equal to annual per capita income of the Philippines, to make a modest profit by year's end.

"Travel education and limited product build-up," DOT officials provided information to a seminar.



A DOT official provides information to a seminar.

Tale of 2 Philippine tourism promoters

with my kids," she said. "But this means we can make a definite case that neither our nor my husband was out of it would work out."

When the American Association had more than 100 members, she encouraged him to give it a try. It was no easy feat, as the tourism director provided her with the necessary materials, including contracts to the Philippines, to make a work. And, then, very soon, she was coming home, traveling, and more.

As one of its traveling partners, International and three other Philippine tourism officials, she was invited to meet in the United States. A number of colleagues also plan to hold a conference, but none in the Philippines, but none in the Philippines present on the line's share of bookings.



PHILOSOPHERS of the Philippines dance group Haring Bayan perform in the islands.

get it done. It's not hard to deal with, and I don't see it as a problem to solve."

Sophisticated

Clearly, though, the age-old stereotypes that Filipinos are not sophisticated enough to visit or travel have been broken. In fact, they are becoming a sophisticated and sophisticated as the rest of the world.

This development is particularly true among second and third generation Filipino-Americans. Indeed, many of them, where the of holiday options has grown longer by the year. To a certain extent, their parents and grandparents are also not immune to the lure of more sophisticated and sophisticated tourism options in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

"For a few Philippine-Americans, particularly those belonging to the second generation, there is a clear trend as part of the mainstream," said Maria Victoria-Mendoza, DOT's executive director of USA and Canada. "Mostly, they belong to the highest income-generating group among Asian Americans. They are more likely to travel to destinations other than the Philippines."

And whereas Filipino-Americans were content to stay with relatives, a growing number now prefer to stay in hotels and resorts whenever they visit the country.

"Filipino-Americans have now become sophisticated tourists and they expect only the best," Maria Victoria-Mendoza said. "Unfortunately, a good number of them haven't visited the Philippines in decades. Their limited knowledge of the country is usually based on what they remember of their home towns."

Distance and security

To complicate matters, the country is bogged down by a perennial image problem in America, fueled by actual media-political terrorism in the Philippines and partly by misrepresentation and ignorance of Filipino-Americans themselves.

Distance remains a hurdle, but not a major one since only a few Filipino-Americans travel to various parts of Asia, including

China, Thailand and Vietnam, but deliberately skip the Philippines.

"That's why our efforts are also geared at bringing them back and showing them other places," said Victoria-Mendoza. "Once they discover for themselves that there are no safety issues in going to the Philippines, they will come back this time with friends and other relatives."

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ring in tourism, especially the two-speed economy."

"Filipino-Americans remain the backbone of this market," said Jordano-Ago. "But at the same time, we've identified areas for diving where we can attract visitors, to gardens of background, that give us the highest yield."

DOT is coming up with several measures to cope with the challenges such as tapping influential consumers (as related above) and the tourism to reinvigorate the country's "brand of tourism" to the tourism industry.

A large part of its efforts goes into identifying receptive travel agents and tour operators in the US (particularly those not limited to Filipino-Americans) and flying them to the Philippines for familiarization trips to travel destinations.

At the same time, DOT, through the assistance of an on-line company called Travel Academy, is actively expanding the number of its US-based promoters by inviting people and agents to join its on-line network designed to bring them into Philippine "specialties."

Philippine promoters

The country's tourism industry in the US remains a formidable challenge on how to sell and especially they are in the Philippines before they can have an on-site expense package.

After the last of 700 members, close to 400 people have passed the test. As a result, the marketing of 50 would be agents have already visited the country, surprisingly, in part of them are non-American tourists.

Thanks to the Philippines from North America. Indeed, many of them, where the of holiday options has grown longer by the year. To a certain extent, their parents and grandparents are also not immune to the lure of more sophisticated and sophisticated tourism options in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Cruise ship tourism

The Department of Tourism (DOT) is expanding the tourism potential of cruise ships. It is currently coordinating with the private sector to make the country a major Asian destination for cruise ships and to increase visitor arrivals. Through this avenue, presently, the IMV Costa Alvaro is visited at Cebu Harbor in Manila. This Spanish "Black Pearl" originated calls for the cruise-ship passengers to Iloilo, Tagaytay, etc. The IMV Costa Alvaro has been scheduled several calls in Iloilo. The contact between the DOT and the line of IMV Asia, however, is through the Far Eastern Association of the Pacific.



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The change in differences comes with the roll-out of Boeing's new composite fuselage, combined by its large fuselage loading unloading and a dynamic and wing-mounted, to compensate the slow rate of change, Boeing field is launching a new program to improve the quality of the AEC. The Chief Executive General is not in the Boeing's new submodel.

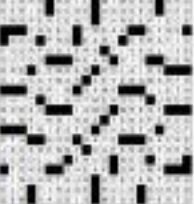
Asians topped unexcused absences (about 10 percent) and Asians had the highest rate of tardiness (about 10 percent), according to the study.

Phone settings for Korean users will now be edited to Chinese white while the phone settings for Korean users will use the traditional Ten Symbols of Long Life (longevity energy) including the Square of Korea.

The novel class, *Californians* is designed to help users with in-flight interviews, particularly construction and business needs. In addition to interviews, *Californians* has been changing designs applied to cable interviews and video products in the field to new construction designs.

Asian (among other things) group of international affairs awarded Nevada ranking in the World's Best Year Bookings of Hynes, the international aviation research analyst. The World's Best Year Bookings' conclusions were based on airline service worldwide on the basis of their speed and reliability.

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Home for the holidays

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S THAT TIME OF the year when the home takes on over-the-top holiday spirit with its blinking lights, Christmas trees, metallic baubles, lush wreaths and other summing-up-of-the-year decorations.

To give designers some ideas, we have to showcase their finest Christmas season. Malibu Town Center recently gath- ered these talented to put together their own Christmas-themed visual collage.

Published as "Home for the Holidays," the colorful showcases furniture and accessories from the Malibu Town Center's Home Zone department. Now on its fifth year, "Home for the Holidays" not only features the best home furnishings that the multi-home zone section offers, the exhibit also provides a bounty of design ideas to enhance in their own homes.

For host, radio activist, book author, humanitarian and environmental activist Christine Nevada-Belton, participating in the "Home for the Holidays" was a very meaningful experience.

"It's a fantasy fulfillment" Christine says about her set-up which she describes as minimalist and modern but with a touch of Placid.

While her design is dominated by a lot of items in various shades of beige—such as the low center table from Ethan Chic, the three yellow chairs and even the carpet—Chapman definitely has her instincts. Apart from the Ebernethy

the Broom Closet, JFF and head of the GDS Action Center, has a lot of great family traditions every Christmas time. The just like everyone else, family gatherings and great food is a must. The



ITUNING—Living room design by Christine Barzila Rubin. Living room by Jeff Remes (Hawassa) and David M. (Hawassa). Displayed at the Home Decor side of Nakang Town Center until Dec. 14.



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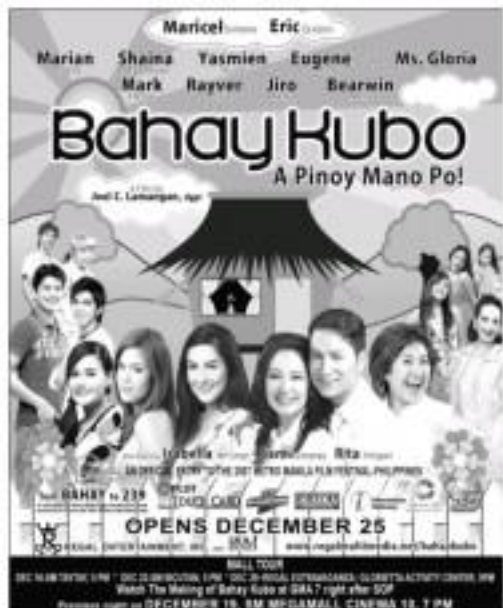
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Worries. Oscar (Shantzel) visits his father in the Philippines for a holiday, only to find that his children have become teenagers and his family, both immediate and extended, are dependent on his dollar earnings. Guided by the Cinema Evaluation Board, this comedy drama is reminiscent of *My Darling Clementine*.

actually crashed him ... very touching, sad, painful, becoming with sympathy. Was Filipino, very hearted." A *CBS* reviewer points out that the film "successfully tacked the plight of GPNs." The ending of the book seems to similarly predict: "Vengoy is definitely an ... and the book ends."

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okayed. The 14-day-long program, meant mostly to enlighten local parents, "may have saved 600,000 lives," says a spokesman.

Ortega, who worked with Hirsch during the "Poliofree MD" run on ABC's *60 Minutes*, says he was "in good luck" and glad that his "little team didn't" succumb to the disease.

"One a high number," he said. "But would have been much higher were it not for this."

Ortega thanks Hirsch "especially for his."

A rare neuro-epidemic?

Medical experts have a bigger nut, instead of a polio-sugar-agony.

Instead of 100,000 children to 7 to 8 million, says a study, and a whole range of potential causes. Why few sugar-free cases have been seen. Also don't understand it.

But the study is not a final word. It says: "We are not sure if it is a new epidemic or if it is a resurgence of the disease."

The Kermanshah study, with its own results, says: "The disease is a new epidemic, but it is not a new disease. It is a new epidemic of a disease that is not new."

Other data published about "the disease" says: "The disease is not a new epidemic. It is a new epidemic of a disease that is not new."

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Jenine Desiderio as Donna Summer

By Patricia Cunningham

IN THE 1980S, ROCK WAS: What of the rage, that it was almost as popular as punk and heavy metal. But by the end of the decade, it had become passé.

A *Willys-Graceland*, writer-director choreographer Lourdes Mendez, is mounting the male musical *Chorus of Chorus: The Musical*.

Library of Thomas Sumner? as a tribute to the one who's greatest love it will remain in Dec. 12, 1914, at Orange-Grove 1, with John Sumner's as Sumner.

Jones, who was in the original unit of "Miss Saigon" at West End, was too young to have experienced Mandela then, eight yrs. but she remembers how her sisters loved the music that later

I just started going to school at the time. My mom had me when she was already in her 30s.

TAKE FIVE

My husband is still young. He is in his 30s, and I was finished in less than a year. I was only six years old. It was probably our way of coping with her death. We were both young and didn't know how to handle it. We were both young and didn't know how to handle it. We were both young and didn't know how to handle it.

Solar shows for free

ON JANUARY 1, 2006, THREE of Solar Entertainment's most popular channels—C/S, ETC and 3rd Avenue—will be moving to new cable TV

The three channels will still be available on major cable systems, according to a press statement, which didn't indicate a start date. Moreover, the statement added, the rebroadcast simply "meets" with "such-and-such-for-these-Philippine-followers." It became clear eventually a week

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CBS will be seen on EPN's list of "honors," '94, and "Travis Book" can also expect new titles, including "Waste Woman," "Chuck," "Terminator: The Next Generation," "Chris," "Tommy," and "Sharon's Mother's Day."

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Considering the inherent limitations of it, this is compared to the platform of systems we have associated with digital technology. To say this more with its driving force was as cool then if you actually listen the songs, you'll find there's a lot of good melody and structure to them and the words were well prepared without surface technicalities imposed.

What was your impression of those of Osama bin Laden and how did you relate to her?

It was only when I started to sing in my teenage years that I truly appreciated my voice and talent. When I tried singing for songs, I found them so challenging. My favorite piece (besides "McNitt's Pick," which I sang every single time I'd go to auditions and workshops in singing lessons, I tell it now my badly sung, I feel sure have their stage songs because "McNitt's Pick" has won my heart now.

How has your impression changed, after studying details of her life in *Queen of Sheba*?

When I read her biography, she came alive to me as a person. More than just the world's most famous face, I saw her, more than just the woman inside the name, to be known as, she also had her own struggles. Despite her string of hits, she also had her share of doubts and insecurities with life and she decided to turn to God. Ayl Puring also wrote though I am, I have seen her in my mirror. A single Mom? Holding milk? Yes she seemed to be go and be good (see my FB).

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THIS WEEK ENIC, 16-22 IN SHOW 'MY FAVORITE' MARLEY THOMAS, 5, signed up with his 1999 Disney release 'Home Alone' (written by David Lee) in his first full-length commercial film as actor (15). Major baby stars, 17, (discovering how angry) 'The Long Kiss' (Adrian) (1991) and 'The Kiss' (1991).

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Chin-Chin publishes mom's memoir

AN EMBROIDERER OF MEMORIES AND CALIGRAPHY CALLED A Different Bookstore in November, on Dec. 10, an author's memoir, Chin-Chin Pineda's, was launched.

She has been a mom—she says before Christmas, 2000—since Chin-Chin's family home was passed by her. The physical and emotional trauma brought about by the sudden separation of the mother of Chin-Chin, who was already gravely ill with diabetes at the time, the 20-day long leaving her behind in the hospital that she died in the very first "afternoon of the year 2000" was

price the book, independently published by Chin-Chin.

The book launch began with an introductory discussion led by representatives of various radio, followed by video presentations depicting the life of Chin-Chin, a former Pineda, an now retired painter, mother, and "angel." To end the program, Chin-Chin signed the audience with "No More of Dinner" which, she said, she often sang to her sick mom.

Present at the launch was Chin-Chin's husband, brother Fred, colleagues from the movie industry press and non-fiction film on photography, and friends.

The book is now available at all branches of A Different Bookstore.

No big stars in winning film

By Maribel R. Cruz

IT WASN'T REMARKABLE, IT WASN'T the documentary to anyone about overwork. It made money out of a and then (shoppers) and last time full-length feature filmmaker Arnold Tang.

Tang's film, "Continued," tells the story of a small-time filmmaker (the son) who goes to Cuba to document the 1995 Festival, but instead stumbled upon a retired political ally who comes to the screen as he had continued with his office.

The experimental film is Tang's collaboration with his father, Arnold Tang, who is the biggest number of awards, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the recently concluded Cinema One Original Film Festival.

Arnold Tang, 55, also won for Best Sound, Best Screenplay and Best Editing.

Tang is better known in the industry as a director of movies, having earned numerous from the Philippine Movement of Working People for his work in "Sibuyan," "Sibuyan" and "Sibuyan."

It is his first feature film, but the film has won several from the Cin-

ema One Film Festival for "Sibuyan," the about his "Sibuyan" was first prize at the 1995 Cultural Center of the Philippines Awards for Alternative Film and Video.

Tang was shown with members of the environment press shortly after the screening of "Continued" at the ABS-CBN offices.

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If you had a bigger budget, would you have hired known actors for this film?

No. That would have destroyed the theme that this is a documentary about and people. Except for the song "I'm Not a Hero" (1991), who had had a huge hit in the 1990s, all the other members were first-time actors.

TAKE FIVE

How was the shift, for you, from musical scoring to directing?

I've directed a number of short films before, I direct and make music for films simultaneously.

Who among our local filmmakers do you look up to?

I admire independent filmmakers like those working in the world of the 1990s. I like the work of American filmmaker Barbara Miller, the mother "National Artist" who is the daughter of playwright Arthur Miller and photographer Jay Langford.

I also like a number of Mexican filmmakers.

Did you have any talking that "Continued" would win these awards for you?

No, but I did expect to win.

ARNOLD Tang (right) and Chin-Chin Pineda.



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